IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the second paragraph on page 7 with the following:

FIG. 6 is a flowchart illustrating operation of an embodiment of the invention. In a step 602, the gatekeeper 109 is initialized with numbers and users, and the time based connection rules associated with the user. In step 604, the gatekeeper 109 receives a call request. In step 606, the gatekeeper 109 attempts to connect the call based on the rules set for the user. If the call is not connected, as determined in 608, the gatekeeper 109 tries to connect using a nearest neighbor procedure, in step 610. (It is assumed here that there are enough records to perform this procedure; otherwise, a learning procedure as described with reference to FIG. 4 may be used). If in 610, the call is connected then the call history is updated, in step 616. Otherwise, in step 614, the system proceeds to the next in line and tries to connect to the next nearest neighbor. It is noted that, in addition, in certain embodiments, the call history may be cleared after a predetermined period.

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